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(AP) — The man accused of attacking House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's husband with a hammer told police he wanted to hold the Democratic leader hostage and "break her kneecaps" to show other members of Congress there were "consequences to actions," authorities said Monday.

In a chilling federal complaint, officials say that David DePape, 42, carrying zip ties, a rope and tape in a backpack, broke into the couple's San Francisco home early Friday morning, went upstairs where 82-year-old Paul Pelosi was sleeping, and demanded

to talk to "Nancy." "This house and the speaker herself were specifically targets," said San Francisco District Attorney Brooke Jenkins at a Monday evening press conference announcing state charges against DePape, including attempted murder. "This was politically motivated," Jenkins said. She implored the public to "watch the words that we say and to turn down the volume of our political rhetoric." The federal filing stands in contrast to the mocking jokes and conspiracy theories about the Pelosi attack circulating by far-right figures and even

some leading Republicans just a week before the hard-fought midterm elections. At a campaign event Monday in Arizona, Kari Lake, the Republican candidate for governor, drew hearty laughs as she joked about security at the Pelosi home. Additionally, DePape is charged federally with influencing, impeding, or retaliating against a federal official by threatening or injuring a family member. He also faces one count of attempted kidnapping of a United States official on account of the performance of official duties.

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No attorney has been listed for DePape. He is to be arraigned Tuesday, and prosecutors will ask for him to be held in jail without bail.

When a surprised Paul Pelosi told the intruder she was not there, DePape said he would wait — even after being told she would not be home for some days. The assailant then started taking out twist ties, to tie him up, the complaint says.

"By breaking Nancy's kneecaps, she would then have to be wheeled into Congress, which would show other members of Congress there were consequences to actions," the complaint says DePape told investigators.

DePape told police of his plans to hold Speaker Pelosi hostage to "talk to her" and viewed her "as the 'leader of the pack of lies told by the Democratic Party,'" the eight-page complaint says. "If she were to tell DePape the 'truth,' he would let her go and if she 'lied,' he was going to break 'her kneecaps,'" the complaint alleges.

DePape is a Canadian citizen who legally entered the United States in 2000 but has stayed long after his visa expired, according to a U.S. official who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Family described DePape as estranged, and he was known by some in San Francisco as a pro-nudity activist who appeared to embrace a range of conspiracy theories. DePape has lived for the past two years in a garage at a residence in Richmond, California, the complaint said.

The attack was an unsettling echo of the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the Capitol, when rioters trying to overturn Joe Biden's election defeat of Donald Trump stormed the halls eerily calling "Where's Nancy?" Some carried zip ties.



Police were dispatched to the home in the upscale Pacific Heights neighborhood around 2:20 a.m. Friday after Paul Pelosi placed a 911 call. DePape broke into the rear glass door and made his way upstairs to confront Paul Pelosi, police said. They arrived two minutes later to see the two men struggling over a hammer, and then DePape struck Pelosi at least once before being tackled by officers. Jenkins said DePape "pulled the hammer away from Mr. Pelosi and violently struck him in the top of his head." She said he had a second hammer in his bag.

DePape was arrested Friday on suspicion of attempted murder, elder abuse and burglary in a gruesome attack that has amplified the toxic political climate ahead of the Nov. 8 midterm elections.

Paul Pelosi remains hospitalized in San Francisco after undergoing surgery for a fractured skull and other injuries. Speaker Pelosi, who was in Washington, D.C., at the time of the attack, returned swiftly to California. Unlike presidents, congress-

sional leaders have security protection for themselves, but not their families.

In the ambulance to the hospital, Paul Pelosi told police he had never seen DePape before, the complaint said.

DePape told police it was difficult to break through the glass door with his hammer, and he went upstairs and told a sleeping Paul Pelosi to wake up. Pelosi appeared surprised, DePape said.

After Paul Pelosi told the intruder his wife was not home, he then asked DePape how they could resolve the situation, the complaint said. DePape explained he was tired, and wanted to tie Pelosi up while they waited. At one point Paul Pelosi tried to reach the elevator in the home, where there is a telephone, but DePape blocked him. Pelosi later asked to use the restroom and called 911.

DePape told investigators that he didn't leave even though he knew Paul Pelosi had called 911 because "much like the American

founding fathers with the British, he was fighting against tyranny without the option of surrender," the affidavit said.

The federal complaint also said DePape said he wanted "to use Nancy to lure" another person. But the complaint provides no other details of that plan. "We have nothing to suggest that these two men knew each other prior to this incident," Jenkins said at a briefing Sunday.

The district attorney's remarks came as crass commentary on the attack circulated on social media. Elon Musk over the weekend tweeted, then deleted, a fringe website's conspiracy theories to his millions of followers, as his purchase of Twitter has raised concerns that the social media platform would no longer seek to limit misinformation and hate speech.

Trump's son, Donald Trump Jr., was among those making light of the attack on Paul Pelosi, tweeting out crude jokes about it.

In the heated political climate, a week before the midterm elections, tensions

are high with record security threats against lawmakers and other officials.

The incident sparked fresh security concerns for lawmakers and other elected officials before the midterms.

With nearly 10,000 threats against members of Congress in the last year, U.S. Capitol Police have advised lawmakers to take precautions. Chief Tom Manger, who leads the U.S. Capitol Police, has said the threat from lone-wolf attackers has been growing and the most significant threat the force is facing is the historically high number of threats against lawmakers, thousands more than just a few years before.

The beating of the speaker's husband follows other attacks and threats. This summer, a man carrying a gun, a knife and zip ties was arrested near Justice Brett Kavanaugh's house in Maryland after threatening to kill the justice. In 2017, Republican Rep. Steve Scalise was seriously injured when a Bernie Sanders supporter opened fire on Republicans at a congressional baseball game practice. □

Bird flu infects Iowa egg farm with 1 million chickens

(AP) — Iowa agriculture officials said Monday that another commercial egg farm in the state has been infected with bird flu, the first commercial farm case identified since April, when a turkey farm was infected.

The latest case is in Wright County in north central Iowa about 80 miles (130 kilometers) north of Des Moines housing about 1.1 million chickens.

Iowa has had 15 commercial farms infected this year, including turkeys, egg-laying hens and other chickens. In addition, five backyard flocks have been

infected. Because the virus is highly contagious, all birds on an infected farm are killed and disposed of to avoid the spread of the disease.

Iowa has been hardest hit with bird losses at more than 13.3 million this year before the latest farm was found infected.

Nationally more than 47.7 million birds have been affected in 43 states that includes 251 commercial flocks and 328 backyard flocks, U.S. Department of Agriculture figures show.

Most of the Iowa cases were during the spring migration of wild birds in

March and April with one reported in early May. The virus hadn't been detected again until a backyard flock was infected on Oct. 20 and then the latest infection was confirmed on Monday.

Federal and state agriculture officials had been concerned that it could return with the fall migration of wild birds, which often carry the virus but aren't sickened by it. The virus can spread through droppings or the nasal discharge of an infected bird, which can contaminate dust and soil.

"We have been preparing for the possibility of addi-



tional outbreaks and are working closely with USDA and producers to eradicate this disease from our state," said Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig. "With migration ongoing,

we continue to emphasize the need for strict biosecurity on poultry farms and around backyard flocks to help prevent and limit the spread of this destructive virus." □

Judge keeps North Dakota abortion ban from taking effect

(AP) — A North Dakota judge ruled Monday that he will keep the state's ban on abortion from taking effect, saying there's a "substantial probability" that a constitutional challenge to the law will succeed.

Judge Bruce Romanick's ruling means abortion is still legal in North Dakota, though the state's only clinic — the Red River Women's Clinic of Fargo — shut down as it challenged the ban and has moved across the border to neighboring Minnesota.

Romanick last month rejected a request from North Dakota Attorney General Drew Wrigley to let the law take effect while the Red River clinic's lawsuit went forward. Romanick based his earlier decision on several factors, but Wrigley argued he had not sufficiently considered the clinic's chances of prevailing in court. The North Dakota Supreme Court agreed and told Romanick to take another look.

In his earlier ruling, Romanick noted the clinic's uphill battle. But in his ruling Monday, he said the clinic has a "substantial probability" of succeeding, though he noted that the question of whether abortion is a constitutional right in North Dakota has been contentious



and has not been decided by the state's highest court. Romanick said the purpose of a preliminary injunction is to maintain the status quo until a case can be settled on the merits.

But he also wrote there is a "substantial probability" that the law is unconstitutional because of the constraint it places on doctors. Specifically, he took issue with the fact that the ban allows cases of rape or incest to be raised as an affirmative defense to administering an abortion — but notes that doctors could be prosecuted in the first

place. This puts unreasonable burdens on doctors and pregnant women that are "not reasonably related to the goal of preserving life" — which the state has said is the purpose of the law. He wrote that if "women do not have a reasonable avenue in which to get safe abortions when their lives are in danger, the Statute does not serve its intended purpose."

Wrigley, a Republican, said he was still analyzing the ruling.

"I'm unpersuaded by almost everything I read in the judge's ruling and we

look forward to responding," he said.

Tammi Kromenaker, director of the Red River Women's Clinic, said she was pleased that abortion remained "safe and legal" in the state.

"We want physicians who are treating patients to feel like they can use their best medical judgment and training and not be looking at the law books as to how they can take care of patients," she said.

In the weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* earlier this year, the Red River clinic

shut down its single location in Fargo and moved just a few miles across the state line to Moorhead, Minnesota, a state where abortion remains legal. But the clinic continued to press its lawsuit, arguing that the North Dakota constitution grants a right to abortion.

When Romanick blocked the law from taking effect last month, he acknowledged that the clinic had moved but noted doctors and hospitals would still be affected by the statute.

The law makes abortion illegal except in cases of rape or incest or when the life of the mother is in danger — any of which would have to be proven in court. Otherwise, a doctor who performs an abortion would face a felony charge, which abortion rights supporters say could stop doctors from performing abortions even if the mother's health is at risk.

More than a dozen states had passed so-called trigger laws that were designed to outlaw most abortions if the high court threw out the constitutional right to end a pregnancy. While some states began enforcing the bans immediately other efforts to bar the procedure are tied up in the courts. □

Ground search of Native American site in Kansas delayed

(AP) – A plan to search for unmarked graves at a former Native American boarding school in Kansas is on hold amid a disagreement between a Shawnee Tribe and state and city officials overseeing the site.

The Kansas Historical Society announced last year that the Kansas Geological Survey at the University of Kansas would conduct a ground-penetrating radar survey at the Shawnee Indian Mission in Fairway. However, Fairway officials last week said the proposal was on hold indefinitely after Shawnee Tribe Chief Ben Barnes raised concerns that the tribe was not consulted about the proposal and future plans for the 12-acre (4.86-hectare) site. The Shawnee Tribe pushed last year for a study of the site, formerly known as the Shawnee Indian Manual Labor School. It was one of hundreds of schools run by the government and religious groups in the 1800s and 1900s that removed



Indigenous children from their families to assimilate them into white culture and Christianity.

Fairway City Administrator Nathan Nogelmeier said in a statement that the Kansas Historical Society, which owns the site, met with Barnes in August and offered him the opportunity to consult before the work began.

On Monday, Barnes said that as he was leaving a meeting at the historical society he was given a short paper saying the organiza-

tion had begun the process of working with the university on the ground-penetrating work.

"That's not consultation," Barnes said. "Consultation is a well-defined term. It's not as I'm leaving stuff a piece of paper into my hands."

Several experts told the tribe the proposal was insufficient and didn't follow federal law concerning consulting with tribes in such situations, Barnes said.

In his statement, Nogelmeier said the historical soci-

ety and the city of Fairway expect the Shawnee Tribe to try to persuade the Kansas Legislature next year to convey the land from the state to the Shawnee Nation.

"The KHS is on record opposing such a conveyance due to its historical significance to Kansas not just while it operated as the manual labor training school but due to other events and time periods as they related to Kansas's history," Nogelmeier said. "Further, Chief Barnes has not made any commitments about what he and the Shawnee Nation view as the future use of the land if they become owners of the site."

While acknowledging that the tribe is not opposed to conveyance, Barnes suggested the state and Fairway officials are trying to use the issue as a political ploy and the timing of last week's statement raises questions about whether the tribe is welcome in the process.

"I find that insinuation troubling," Barnes said. "We have always been clear about our vision for the site. Regardless of who owns it, it centers on protection and restoration. To say otherwise is patently false, and they know it's patently false."

The move to inspect the mission's grounds came after the U.S. Department of Interior announced a nationwide initiative last year to investigate federally operated Indian boarding schools. That would not have included the Shawnee Indian Manual Labor School, which was founded in 1939 and run by Methodist minister Thomas Johnson.

At one point, it had 16 buildings on about 2,000 acres (800 hectares) and nearly 200 students a year who ranged in age from 5 to 23. The current 12-acre (4.86-hectare) site currently holds three buildings, which are on national and state historic registries. □

Hoopa Valley tribe sues over water contracts in California

(AP) — The Hoopa Valley Tribe alleged in a lawsuit Monday that the federal government is violating its sovereignty and failing to collect money from California farms that rely on federally supplied water to pay for damages to tribal fisheries.

The tribe, which has a reservation in northwest California, says in its lawsuit against the Biden administration that the Trinity River that it relies on for food and cultural purposes has been decimated by decades of

the federal government diverting water.

The suit alleges the U.S. Department of the Interior has failed to follow laws that require the contractors who use that water to pay money for habitat restoration projects. It says those contractors owe \$340 million for environmental restoration work along the Trinity River and other places that have been damaged by water diversions.

"The river has become a place that is no longer a healing place, but a place that is a sick place," said Jill

Sherman-Warne, a member of the Hoopa tribal council.

The suit also alleges that the federal government has failed to appropriately consult with the tribe on matters related to the river.

The Interior Department declined to comment through spokesman Tyler Cherry.

Since the 1950s, the Trinity River has been a major source of water for the Central Valley Project, a system of dams, reservoirs and canals that sends water south to farmers who harvest fruits, nuts and other crops. Fish that swim through the river include the coho salmon, which is listed as an endangered species. Twelve miles of the river flow through the tribe's reservation.

Congress updated laws governing the water project's operation in 1992. It gave the tribe some power

to concur over changes to river flows, added requirements for protecting fish in the Trinity River, and stated any renewals of long-term water contracts had to follow existing laws.

At the end of the Obama administration, Congress passed a law saying that any temporary federal contracts for water could be turned into permanent ones. Previously, the contracts had to be reapproved on a regular basis.

Westlands Water District, the nation's largest agricultural water district, was one of the contractors that converted its water contract to a permanent one. The new agreement doesn't grant Westlands any additional water or promise that it will get everything in dry years, but it effectively gives the district a right to water in perpetuity.

The deal was controversial because David Bernhardt,

a former Westlands lobbyist, was interior secretary when the contract was approved and a judge later declined to validate it. But Westlands and the federal government are still moving forward with it, Westlands spokeswoman Shelley Cartwright said.

The suit alleges the contract fails to include requirements for habitat restoration payments. As Bernhardt left office, he wrote a memo agreeing with staff recommendations that most environmental mitigation work related to the Central Valley Project was complete.

Daniel Cordalis, deputy solicitor for water resources in Biden's Interior Department, later rescinded that decision. But the tribes allege the money has still not been paid. Cherry, the interior spokesman, didn't respond to an email asking for the department's current position on whether the work is done. □



Saudi, UAE back OPEC cuts as US envoy warns of 'uncertainty'

(AP) — Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates defended on Monday a decision by OPEC and its allies to cut oil production, even as an American envoy warned of "economic uncertainty" ahead for the world.

While cordial, the comments at the Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference showed the stark divide between the United States and Gulf Arab countries it supports militarily in the wider Middle East. Already, American politicians have threatened arms deals with the kingdom and described it as siding with Russian President Vladimir Putin amid his war on Ukraine.

Saudi Arabia's energy minister, Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman, hinted at that in brief remarks at the event. "We don't owe it to anybody but us," the prince said to applause, noting that upcoming U.N. climate change summits will be held in Egypt and the United Arab Emirates. "It was done for us, by us, for our future, and we need to commit ourselves to that."

Emirati Energy Minister Su-

hail al-Mazrouei echoed that defense. While saying that OPEC and its allies are "only a phone call away if the requirements are there" to raise production, he offered no suggestion such a boost would be on its way anytime soon.

OPEC and a loose confederation of other countries led by Russia agreed in early October to cut its production by 2 million barrels of oil a day, beginning in November.

OPEC, led by Saudi Arabia, has insisted its decision came from concerns about the global economy.

Analysts in the U.S. and Europe warn a recession looms in the West from inflation and subsequent interest rate hikes, as well as food and oil supplies being affected by Russia's war on Ukraine.

Natural gas as well has been affected. by the war, sending energy bills spiking across Europe.

"We have to realize that a lot of people ... are facing a very difficult winter ahead in the U.K., in Europe and right across the world," BP CEO Bernard Looney said at the event in Abu Dhabi.



"And we have to understand that that is a very difficult place for them to be."

American politicians, meanwhile, have reacted angrily to a decision likely to keep gasoline prices elevated. An average gallon of regular gasoline in the U.S. now costs \$3.76 — down from a record \$5 a gallon in June but still high enough to bite into consumers' wallets. Benchmark Brent crude oil sat at \$95 a barrel Monday.

President Joe Biden, who traveled to Saudi Arabia in July and fist-bumped Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman before a meeting, recently warned the kingdom that "there's going to be some consequences for what they've done."

Saudi Arabia lashed back, publicly claiming the Biden administration sought a one-month delay in the OPEC cuts that could help reduce the risk of a spike in gas prices ahead of the U.S. midterm elections Nov. 8.

The back-and-forth between Riyadh and Washington shows how tense relations remain between the two countries since the 2018 gruesome killing of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi by Saudi security forces. American intelligence agencies believe the slaying came at Prince Mohammed's order.

The Soufan Center, a New York-based think tank, said Monday that it appeared "trust and mutual respect between the United States

and Saudi Arabia appear to have reached a nadir" amid the dispute.

"The U.S.-Saudi relationship could fundamentally shift to an almost purely transactional one, characterized by 'strategic drift,' as Riyadh continues to act against its own self-interest, a move borne of spite, not strategy," the center said. "If Saudi Arabia again votes to cut production, it will lead to a further rift with the United States and will signal Riyadh's growing drift closer to Moscow," it added.

Meanwhile, the world's thirst for oil only will increase. An OPEC outlook published Monday estimates by 2045, global demand for oil will reach 101 million barrels a day — up from 88 million barrels a day in 2021.

Oil will remain the world's No. 1 energy source, even with the growing concerns with global climate change, OPEC said.

"The reality globally, as we know, is that there is a huge shortfall in investments to meet this expected future demand growth," OPEC Secretary-General Haitham Al Ghais said. "The sustainability of the global energy system is actually at stake." □

Sedition trial begins for closed Hong Kong news site editors

(AP) — A sedition trial opened in Hong Kong on Monday for two former top editors of a shuttered online media outlet who have been detained without bail for 10 months.

Stand News editor-in-chief Chung Pui-kuen and acting editor-in-chief Patrick Lam were arrested last December during a crackdown on dissent following widespread anti-government protests in 2019.

Stand News was one of the city's last news media that openly criticized the government after the closure of the pro-democracy Apple Daily newspaper, whose jailed founder Jimmy Lai faces collusion charges under a sweeping National Security Law enacted in

2020. Ahead of the opening statements, the judge heard arguments from both sides about which articles could be included as part of the prosecution's case and whether it was necessary to prove the defendants had seditious intent. The defense argued that the law requires prosecutors to bring charges within six months after any allegedly seditious articles are published, and that 10 out of the 17 articles which the prosecution referred to did not fall under that time frame.

But the prosecution insisted the case was about conspiracy so the time limit was not applicable. The judge said he would issue a decision in the dispute on Tuesday. Unlike Lai, Chung

and Lam were charged under a colonial-era sedition law that has been used increasingly to snuff out critical voices in the semi-autonomous Chinese city. Hong Kong was a British colony until its return to China in 1997.

Best Pencil (Hong Kong) Ltd., the holding company for Stand News, faces the same charge of conspiracy to publish seditious materials. It had no representatives at the trial.

Former Stand News reporters and veteran local journalists were among the spectators at the trial. Chung and Lam waved at their friends in the courtroom.

Sedition is punishable by a maximum jail term of two years and a fine of 5,000

Hong Kong dollars (about \$640) for a first offense, and three years for a subsequent offense. The trial is expected to last 20 days. Stand News shut down in December after the arrests and a high-profile police raid at its office. Armed with a warrant to seize relevant journalistic materials under the National Security Law, more than 200 officers participated in the search. But Chung and Lam and

the company were not charged under the security law. Months earlier, police raided the offices of Apple Daily and seized boxes of materials and computer hard drives.

Hong Kong fell more than 60 places to 148th place in Reporters Without Borders' latest World Press Freedom Index released in May. The global media watchdog cited the closure of the two outlets in its rating. □



German leader urges climate activists not to endanger others

(AP) — German Chancellor Olaf Scholz urged climate activists Monday to show "creativity" and avoid endangering others after attacking art works and setting up road blockades that allegedly delayed the arrival of a specialist rescue crew at an accident scene.

Germany, like several other countries, has seen a string of high-profile protests in recent months against what activists say is a government failure to properly address the threat of climate change.

Actions by the group Last Generation have included blocking streets, throwing mashed potatoes at a Claude Monet painting at a museum in Potsdam,



and an incident Sunday in which two activists glued themselves to a dinosaur display at Berlin's Natural History Museum.

On Monday, the group blocked several roads in Berlin, including a major highway. Fire service

spokesman Rolf Erbe said the blockades resulted in officers with special rescue equipment to get stuck in traffic as they rushed to help a seriously injured cyclist who got stuck under a cement mixer. The crew informed first responders and "there was no alterna-

tive but to use other methods" to help the woman, he said, without elaborating. Last Generation said in a statement that it couldn't rule out having caused the traffic jam, though it insisted that it ensures rescue lanes are kept clear during its blockades. It said it hoped the cyclist's condition wasn't made worse as a result of the delayed arrival of rescuers. Spokesperson Aimee van Baalen said that "the safety of everyone on our roads, also in the future, is a fundamental motivation for our action" and that protests would be ended as soon as the government acts against a looming "climate collapse."

Asked about the incident at a previously scheduled

news conference, Scholz said: "My appeal can only be that, in all the decisions people make for political demonstrations, they always ensure that they don't contribute to endangering others. And if that is the case here, that is very regrettable."

"We must accept critical positions and critical protests," Scholz added, though he noted that the blockades and art stunts "obviously aren't meeting with very widespread applause — they're not getting mine either."

"I think there are other ways in which people can expression their opinion, and perhaps a bit of creativity would be useful," the chancellor added. □

UK govt under fire for 'wretched' migrant center conditions

(AP) — Britain's interior minister on Monday defended the government's treatment of newly arrived migrants after critics blamed her for the "wretched" conditions endured by thousands of people at an overcrowded center for asylum-seekers.

Hundreds of people who crossed the English Channel in small boats have been moved to Manston, a former airfield in southeast England, after another processing center was hit with gasoline bombs on Sunday by an attacker who then killed himself. There already were 3,000 people at the facility, which is intended to hold about half that number.

Lucy Moreton, who heads the Immigration Services Union, said the the number of people at Manston had reached 4,000 and it was "catastrophically overcrowded."

Home Secretary Suella Braverman defended her department's behavior, saying officials were "working tirelessly to improve facilities" for asylum-seekers. But the right-wing politician also referred to small-boat

crossings as "the invasion of our southern coast" and said "illegal immigration is out of control."

Manston is supposed to be a temporary processing center where new arrivals spend 24 hours before moving on to longer-term accommodation, but refugee groups say some people have been stuck there for weeks.

Chief Inspector of Borders David Neal, who recently visited, said last week that conditions were "wretched." He told lawmakers there had been cases of diphtheria and "it's a really dangerous situation."

Braverman, who has been in the job for a matter of weeks, is a contentious figure, already under pressure for her use of insecure private email. Her hardline approach has sparked criticism from within the governing Conservatives as well as from the opposition.

Conservative lawmaker Roger Gale, who represents the Manston area in Parliament, said the situation there was a "breach of humane conditions." He accused Braverman of de-



liberately worsening conditions at Manston by refusing to book hotel rooms for asylum seekers. Braverman denied she had prevented migrants from being moved to hotels.

Braverman — who supports the expulsion of people who enter the U.K. without authorization — said she had been "appalled" to find out that that 35,000 migrants were staying in hotels "at exorbitant cost to the taxpayer." But she insisted that "I have never blocked their usage."

The U.K. receives fewer asylum-seekers than many European nations, including France and Germany. But there has been a sharp

increase in the number of people trying to cross the channel in dinghies and other small craft. Some 40,000 have made the hazardous journey across one of the world's busiest shipping lanes so far this year, up from 28,000 in all of 2021 and 8,500 in 2020.

Dozens have died, including 27 people in November 2021 when a packed smuggling boat capsized. Britain and France have wrangled over how to stop the people-smuggling gangs that organize the journeys.

Britain's government has announced a controversial plan to send people who arrive in small boats on a one-way journey to

Rwanda — a plan it says will deter people from crossing the Channel and break the business model of smuggling gangs. Critics say the plan is immoral and impractical, and it is being challenged in the courts.

Braverman, who was appointed in September by ex-Prime Minister Liz Truss, is an enthusiastic supporter of the stalled Rwanda plan and has been accused by critics of demonizing migrants.

The government says problems are being caused by a surge in migrant numbers, but critics accuse the government of not processing asylum applications fast enough. □

A Flight to the Future

DCCA's 1st International Sustainable Air Transportation event

ORANJESTAD – “The month has finally arrived where the Dutch Caribbean Cooperation of Airports (DCCA) will kick off the 1st International Sustainable Air Transportation event - A Flight to the Future – being held between 6-11 October 2022.

“We are excited to welcome both local and international attendees from the Dutch Caribbean islands, The Netherlands and the (Latin) America region to share knowledge and create dialogue on the future of aviation and also on interisland connectivity in the Dutch Caribbean. We are honored to be able to host this event in Aruba and are more than proud to have the first electric flights in the Caribbean with the Pipistrel Velis Electro performed during that week” said Joost Meijs, CEO of Aruba Airport Authority

N.V., as DCCA Chairman.

The Dutch Caribbean Cooperation of Airports (DCCA) is cooperation between all six Caribbean Airports within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. DCCA's objective is to improve the general quality of each individual airport by facilitating mutual assistance and efficient exchange of information, transfer of knowledge and sharing of expertise with the goal of achieving economies of scale. DCCA aims to present future focused alternative air transportation options to improve interisland connectivity between the Dutch Caribbean Islands and is organizing the 1st international Sustainable Air Transportation event called - A Flight to the Future - in Aruba from November 7 through 11, 2022.

During the entire event

week, speeches and presentations will be given, panel discussions will be held, masterclasses will be provided, and daily electric flight demonstrations will be performed with the Pipistrel Velis Electro at Aruba Airport. The Pipistrel Velis Electro is the 1st certified electric aircraft in the world. The knowledge shared during the week of the event will be different each day. Key themes will be:

Discover the Undiscovered, focusing on Sustainable Aviation; Built for Experience, focusing on Sustainable Tourism, Pushing the limits: changing the Future, focusing on Sustainable Airport Operations, Reality Check, focusing on current Research and Investments, and Connecting Generations, which will give the local community the chance to experience the Pipistrel



Velis Electro up close.

Participants to A Flight to the Future event include a wide variety of local and international stakeholders within the aviation and tourism industry of the Dutch Caribbean islands and the wider Latin America & Caribbean region. These include airport colleagues, airline CEOs, tourism authorities, Civil Aviation authorities, education partners, environment partners and persons represent-

ing entities that in one way, or another will positively impact travel between the islands in the (near) future.

Free virtual registrations are still available for the event which is set to be livestreamed via YouTube on November 7 through November 10, 2022. For more information on the event and the virtual registration, please visit our DCCA website www.dccairports.com. □

As part of the diversification strategy

Aruba Tourism Authority working on Latin American market

ORANJESTAD – Recently, a delegation of Aruba Tourism Authority was in Bogotá, Colombia to complete a wide schedule of meetings and other important encounters with colleagues of ATA Latin America (LATAM).

The week of meetings opened with an internal encounter between ATA Aruba and ATA LATAM. Afterwards the focus was on 2022, with agencies also present. It is expected that 2022 will close with a total of 85,000 visitors from the region.

The schedule continued

with discussion of strategy for 2023 and tactical action which the market defined. The goal for 2023 is to attract the visitors that spend the most, and to attract a total of 3 percent more visitors from the region. The budget for 2023 and the strategy for among other 5 markets of LATAM (Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Peru and Colombia) were also discussed.

This was the last meeting of Miriam Dabian as director of Tourism Office of Latin America. A special encounter with great participation which allowed



ATA to express gratitude and emphasize the commitment of Aruba with the

market.

There were also meetings with Aruba's airport, with Avianca, Wingo and Sarpapa. The focus continues on reestablishing the capacity that was seen in 2019. The focus also continues on new hubs in Colombia, as has been the case this year. After the collapse of the Venezuelan market, Latin America brings

around 100,000 visitors every year (during non-pandemic years). This market continues being reestablished after the pandemic.

For 2023, ATA expects positive results due to the different factors on which they will be working, among others, strategy, marketing and more air connection. □



Aqua Grill restaurant: The taste of New England with Caribbean flair

ORANJESTAD — One thing is for certain: Chef Scott Scheuerman and his team are famous for getting people hooked, just like the fish on your plate. You will get the taste of home fused with Caribbean while dining in elegance. Scheuerman will tell how Aqua Grill established its name since opening in 2002, and why it reaped accolades from such prestigious travel publications as Fodor's, who says, "This hip restaurant is heaven on earth for seafood lovers, who will find fresh fish galore..." Now is your chance to taste Aqua Grill's NEW seasonal menu and create a lifetime culinary memory.

'A Scheuer thing'

Secretly, we all know that the success of a restaurant begins in the kitchen. That is where the chef creates his magic and for Aqua Grill the culinary team has won an assortment of awards for their continuous delivery of 'haute-cuisine del mar.' Classic seafood is mingled with contemporary ideas resulting in surprising dishes that soon made the restaurant a must-dine, confirmed by established travel media specialists like Fodor's and Frommer's.

American-born Scheuerman, executive chef of Aqua Grill, is thrilled about 'his restaurant'. "We started out as a New England style seafood restaurant, patterned after Boston style. But we quickly blended into some Caribbean, local flair... if you will. We do still offer the traditional New England dishes like whole Maine lobster, northern seafood plates like the salmon, tuna and swordfish. We buy also from the local fisherman to offer Caribbean dishes like snapper and grouper which are number one sellers in our restaurant being the most prevalent local fishes. Catches like wahoo, mahi mahi and brasil are welcome too, anything that comes out



of the water we embrace."

Fresh import from Boston

Aqua Grill flies in their own shipments on a weekly basis mostly from Boston because the price quality balance is the best, says the chef. "We are unique in this. Number one priority is buying fresh, we mean not frozen. Our original concept is New England seafood and we stick to that concept. They have a wonderful assortment of oysters and lobsters as well." Aqua Grill also offers international fusion type of menu items; actually all you wish for is there. A very balanced menu awaits you. "And we have



options for meat lovers and vegetarians/vegans too. We, however, do not mix it up too much because we believe we do not want to lose our identity as a seafood restaurant," Scheuerman adds.

Sublime menu

Now is the time to indulge in Aqua Grill's dinner experience. The established restaurant offers a sensational menu. We present to you a Raw Bar with among others fresh Oysters on the half Shell, Littleneck Clams, Peruvian Ceviche and Lobster Salad. Steamed Dumplings and Prawns or Steamed Mussels seduce you from the open view kitchen.

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Arno Verhoeven new Executive Director at DCNA



Arno Verhoeven will head the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA) as of November 1st. The DCNA is a regional partnership of protected area management organizations on the six islands of the Dutch Caribbean (Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, Saba, St. Eustatius and St. Maarten) with the mission to safeguard nature in the Dutch Caribbean.

Passion for the Caribbean

DCNA's New Executive Director Mr Verhoeven is a serial entrepreneur and conservationist living on Bonaire. His love for Bonaire arose when his parents moved to the island almost 30 years ago. Ever since the island, with its nature, culture and people became part his life. Over the years he could also clearly see the rapid changes of Bonaire.

Experience & expertise

Mr Verhoeven grew up in The Netherlands. After graduating with a ba in marketing and working in Turkey first, he joined his parent's advertising agency as an account manager. Quickly followed up by taking over the family business at the age of 26. For the next 20 years he expanded the agency to become one of the leading "business to business" agencies in The Netherlands. In 1995 he started one of the first Dutch internet service providers, which became a large multimedia agency. In 2014 he joined an international big data company that specialized in social media monitoring tools. For the governments on Bonaire and Curaçao he helped to develop the first algorithm that could recognize the Papiamentu and Papiamentu languages.

Protecting Bonaire's man-

groves

In 2018 he, his wife and two daughters finally moved from Eindhoven to Bonaire, where his mother still resided. His concern for nature led him to join the mangrove restoration work in Lac, becoming one of its core conservationists. Since 2021 he is a founding board member of the Mangrove Maniacs Foundation. This group of mainly volunteers works hard to preserve and restore the mangroves on Bonaire and works together with other ngo's in the region to share knowledge and skills.

Safeguarding nature in the Dutch Caribbean

In his new role as Executive Director at DCNA Mr Verhoeven aims at further strengthening the organization, improving the services and helping the islands to get more awareness to preserve our nature. Supported by island park

management authorities, DCNA Board members and secretariat, Mr Verhoeven leads efforts to build ties not only within the Dutch Caribbean, but regionally and nationally, developing strong working relationships with the Dutch Ministries and top tier conservation organizations such as the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, Bird Conservation Netherlands and the World Wildlife Fund for Nature.

"DCNA is magnificent. In es-

since this alliance is about working together. It's about how you can cooperate and share with others, instead of thinking about yourself first. I believe that if you help others to thrive, you will thrive yourself. What makes me proud to serve this team is this collective spirit, where the differences between the islands are an enrichment and where the similarities easily make us aware that we are all in the same boat." stated Mr Verhoeven. □

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Aruba's underwater wonderland



ORANJESTAD - Exploring the underwater wonders is something you should definitely do during your stay in Aruba. The underwater world has everything to offer that makes a snorkel trip so exceptional; an impressive, colorful sea life with exotic fishes, turtles and beautiful coral reef. The historic shipwrecks, located on the Aruban seabed are also worth a visit. Aruba is known for its white beaches and blue oceans, which means there are many fascinating under water spots, where you can take your snorkeling gear and we selected the top spots for you.

Tres Trapi

Tres Trapi means tree steps in Papiamentu, Papiamentu is together with Dutch the official language spoken on Aruba. The beach is called Tres Trapi because it is accessible by the tree steps carved into the rocks. Tres Trapi is a small rocky beach, located on the north-western side of the island, approximately 5 to 10 minute drive from Palm Beach. From the unique steps you can easily walk over the beach into the clear and turquoise blue ocean. While snorkeling you will encounter all kind of tropical fishes and sea stars. The kind of starfish you will find in the Aruban waters is the red cushion sea star. This is a starfish that is commonly found in the shallow waters of the Caribbean sea and if you are lucky during your snorkeling visit to Tres Trapi, you may come across one of the green sea turtles. Respect the animal, keep your distance and enjoy the view. Also remember; it is a once in a life time experience.

Antilla shipwreck

Antilla is a 400-foot-long long ship, built in 1939 in Hamburg, Germany. Antilla came to Aruba, because it

had to find a neutral port. When Germany invaded the Netherlands on May 10, 1940, the crew decided to let their own ship sink, to prevent it from falling into the hands of the Dutch Navy. Antilla lies on its portside in Malmok bay, and the sunken world war two ship is now one of Aruba's most popular snorkeling and dive spots. However, the ship wreck can only be reached by boat. The ship is visible from the surface and during your snorkeling trip you be surrounded by hundreds of tropical fishes, but the ship wreck alone is already impressive enough.

Baby Beach

Baby beach; a white beach, with a crystal blue ocean. The beach is located on the southern part of the island. On the way to the famous beach, you will drive through the old capital of Aruba, San Nicolas. The old Aruban culture can be still felt and experienced here, so do not hesitate to get out of your car and walk around for a while. Baby beach is a child friendly beach, since it is shallow and the water has a pleasant temperature. The name therefore fits well with the beach. Baby beach is an excellent beach for snorkeling, especially if you want to go with small children, because the water remains shallow and there are still many underwater wonders to see. In the ocean there is an area marked until where it is recommended to snorkel and on the beach you will find different facilities. It is a perfect beach to spend your day snorkeling and relaxing.

Mangel Halto

Mangel Halto beach is located in Savaneta, on the southern-west part of the island. The beach is different from the other beaches in



Aruba; it is beach full of mangroves. You reach the beach by a bridge through the mangroves and then you will have several entrances to the sea. There are diverse spots where you can enjoy a perfect beach day, wooden stairs made to enter the water and a dock to sit on and enjoy the view. Mangel

Halto is also worth a visit for the snorkeling experience. Inside the bay, the water is clear and you find many colorful fish. Outside the bay is a bit more challenging for beginners because of the wind and the waves, but the coral is alive and it is just like snorkel heaven. □



Nine Lives Aruba Foudation asking help from the community for Aruba's pets

ORANJESTAD – This Sunday, Nine Lives Aruba Foundation is having an Adoption Day. This is because currently the foundation is going through a difficult time due to the amount of cats and dogs in their care, according to vice-president of the foundation, Geraldine Toro.

"In all these years we never had so many cats. Right now we have 197 cats and one dog. I don't know if it's the cost of living that is going up or what is going on, but everyone is busy abandoning or throwing their cats on the streets", she indicated.

As a foundation they find themselves forced to take the cats, but now they are reaching a point where that amount is not normal for them as a foundation. Due to this difficulty, they

are requesting the help of the community to come to the Adoption Day this Sunday, 6th of November from 10am until 3pm, to adopt a cat or dog. "Because we can't go on like this. The costs are high because they need food, cat litter, wipes, and trash bags to clean the premises every day, and the donations are barely coming in", she said.

In her opinion, she thinks that because of the situation worldwide with a higher cost of living, they are not receiving as many donations as before, and they have more animals that need help.

During the Adoption Day on Sunday they will also be selling plants that their volunteers grew in order to raise funds at the same time as the adoption of the cats – and the one dog in

their care, named Firulais, who is also looking for a family to adopt him.

Sterilization campaigns are important and also have a price, as Toro indicates. "If we don't educate our people about the importance of sterilizing their cat or dog, the problem will continue. Because we are sterilizing, but for example if I help a house by sterilizing twenty cats, but two years later the people come asking for help again because they took four cats more but didn't sterilize those. Those cats had litters again. So it's not just about sterilizing, we also need to educate our people so that they know that if they adopt an animal, when it reaches six months old it needs to be spayed or neutered so that the animals don't end up on the street when the owners can no longer take care of them. That is the biggest problem", Toro pointed out.

She said that the problem is getting worse because they are noticing that lately people are dumping their cats because of financial problems, which is not fair. The foundation has to take care of the cats so that they don't die on the streets or somewhere else that is unknown to them.

Nine Lives Aruba Foundation was created by two Americans, Terry Daily and Valerie Purdy Pyeron, together with Toro and their volunteers dedicated to save the lives of cats and dogs. They also promote the humane treatment of animals to prevent cruelty and abandonment.

Toro expressed that her foundation is not the only one going through hardship currently. She explained that other foundations that rescue animals are full of puppies and dogs that people have dumped on the streets.

This Adoption Day will take place in Jaburibari 8B,



where the foundation was moved last year to have more space to take care of the cats.

To adopt a cat from the foundation, people can approach the foundation and fill in an adoption letter, and the cost is 75 Florins. This includes sterilization by the foundation when the animal is six months old. If the cat is an adult, it will already be sterilized and microchipped. Something they demand from the person adopting a cat is that the cat needs to be kept indoors. Toro explains that "we don't want to save a cat and then it is

left outside and can go on the street, and be hit by a car, or bitten by a dog, and it dies. Because of this we prefer that the owner signs a contract that they are keeping the cat indoors."

For a dog, the cost of adoption is 200 Florins, because spaying and neutering a dog is more expensive. The cost also covers vaccination. One of the most important requirements to adopt a dog is that the yard where it will live needs to be completely closed. The contract also stipulates that the dog cannot be tied or chained, but needs to be loose. □



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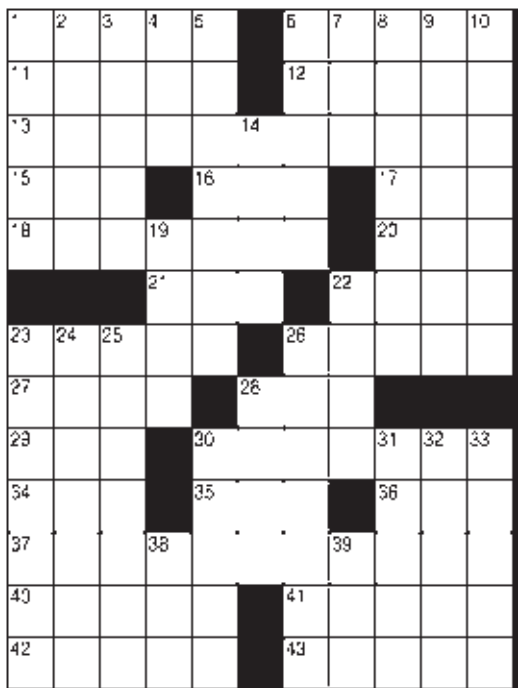
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Yesterday's answer



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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I HAVE NEVER MET A VAMPIRE PERSONALLY. BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TOMORROW. — BELA LUGOSI

Instagram trying to reconnect users locked out of accounts

(AP) — Instagram said it was working on an issue that left a seemingly large number of users locked out of their accounts Monday morning.

Some users reported seeing a message that they were locked out but were still able to scroll through their feeds. Others posting on Twitter said they were completely shut out. Some reported that their number of followers dropped, presumably because those accounts were locked.

The number of people complaining of being locked out of their accounts began to spike around 8:30 a.m. Eastern.

It was unclear whether the problem was an internal



issue or whether the social media site had been hacked.

"We are aware that some Instagram users in different parts of the world are having issues accessing their Instagram accounts," said a spokesperson for Meta. "We're working to resolve the issue as quickly as possible and apologize for the

inconvenience."

Users flooded social media platforms about the issue and Instagram acknowledged the problem on Twitter at 10:14 a.m. Eastern. In a couple of hours, the tweet had received more than 14,000 comments and was retweeted more than 40,000 times. □

White House invites dozens of nations for ransomware summit

(AP) — The White House is bringing together three dozen nations, the European Union and a slew of private-sector companies for a two-day summit starting Monday that looks at how best to combat ransomware attacks.

The second International Counter Ransomware Summit will focus on priorities such as ensuring systems are more resilient to better withstand attacks and disrupt bad actors planning such assaults.

A senior Biden administration official cited recent attacks such as one that targeted the Los Angeles school district last month to

underscore the urgency of the issue and the summit. The official previewed the event on the condition of anonymity.

Among the administration officials planning to participate in the event are FBI Director Christopher Wray, national security adviser Jake Sullivan, Deputy Treasury Secretary Wally Adeyemo and Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman. President Joe Biden is not expected to attend.

Participating countries are Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, Estonia, the European



Commission, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Lithuania, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Companies that will take part include CrowdStrike, Mandiant, Cyber Threat Alliance, Microsoft, Cybersecurity Coalition, Palo Alto, Flexxon, SAP, the Institute for Security + Technology, Siemens, Internet 2.0, Tata — TCS and Telefonica. The previous summit took place virtually. □

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A look at suspension bridge that collapsed in India

(AP) — The 143-year-old cable suspension bridge that collapsed Sunday in the western Indian state of Gujarat in one of the country's worst disasters in years was built using the latest technology available in Europe at the time.

Its cables snapped and its walkway gave way under the weight of hundreds of sightseers, sending hundreds plunging into the water. As of late Monday, at least 133 people had died, 177 were injured and many others were missing. Here's a brief look at the bridge and Morbi, the town where it's located:
At 1.25 meters (4 feet) wide and 233 meters (764 feet) long and known locally as the "jhoolta pool," or swinging bridge, the structure was inaugurated in 1879



during British rule. Many in India are openly disdainful of the colonial past, but the Morbi bridge, which spans a wide section of the Machchu river, seems to have been an exception. Gujarat's official tourism website calls it "a nostalgic reminder of Victorian London" and "an artistic and technological marvel of that period." In March, the company that holds the contract

for maintaining and managing the bridge, Oreva Group, closed it for repairs. It reopened on Oct. 26. That's the first day of the Gujarati New Year, which coincides with the Hindu festival season. The newly reopened attraction was packed with people. □

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Cormac Roth, musician and actor Tim Roth's son, dies at 25

(AP) — Cormac Roth, a musician and son of actor Tim Roth, has died at 25 after a battle with cancer, the family announced Monday.

Roth "died peacefully in the arms of his family who loved and adored him" on Oct. 16, the family said in a statement, adding that "he maintained his wicked wit and humor" to the end.

"The grief comes in waves, as do the tears and laughter, when we think of that beautiful boy across the 25 years and 10 months that we knew him," the family said. "An irrepressible and joyful and wild and wonderful child. Only recently a man. We love him. We will carry him with us wherever we go."



A graduate of Bennington College, Roth was a guitarist, composer and producer. He revealed on his Instagram account that he

had been diagnosed with stage 3 germ cell cancer in November 2021.

"It has taken away half of my hearing, 60 pounds of weight, my confidence, and will continue its murderous path until I can manage to stop it some how, and kill it," he wrote. "But it hasn't taken away my will to survive, or my love of making music. It hasn't taken me down yet."

He urged everyone to see their doctors.

His father is the star of such films as "Reservoir Dogs," "Pulp Fiction" and "The Incredible Hulk."

Cormac Roth is survived by his parents, Tim and Nikki Roth, and his brother, Hunter Roth. □

Woman says 2 Weinstein sexual assaults came 17 years apart



(AP) — A woman testified Monday that Harvey Weinstein sexually assaulted her in a hotel room during the Toronto Film Festival in 1991, then did it again when she went to confront him in the same hotel during the same festival 17 years later.

On the witness stand at Weinstein's Los Angeles trial, she said she was a 24-year-old aspiring actor at the 1991 festival and didn't know who Weinstein was before she met him at a party. She said her friends there were abuzz about the man whose company Miramax had surged to the forefront of independent film and was making its mark at the Oscars.

She said she was charmed by Weinstein at first as they discussed books and films. "We got along very well," she said. "He was very intelligent. We had a wonderful conversation." She said the two of them left the party for a glass of wine at a nearby cafe, then she went with him to his room at the Four Seasons Hotel because he said he had a script for a film with a role that would be perfect for him.

Once there, she said he went into the bathroom and emerged wearing only an open shirt and holding a hot washcloth.

"It all happened very, very

very quickly," she said. "I was in shock. It was so unexpected."

She said he pulled her skirt off, put the washcloth on her and told her "my wife loves this."

She testified that she felt "nauseous, scared, terrified" and repeatedly told him "no" and asked "what are you doing?"

She said he held her down and sexually assaulted her with his mouth and his hand. He then climbed on top of her and started to rape her but she was able to slip away and leave the room.

Already serving a 23-year sentence in New York, Weinstein, 70, has pleaded not guilty to 11 counts of rape and sexual assault involving five women in Los Angeles and has denied engaging in any non-consensual sex.

He is not charged with the alleged assaults described in Monday's testimony. The woman, along with three others, is being allowed to testify so prosecutors can attempt to show Weinstein's propensity for the crimes he's charged with.

The woman testified that

she did not see Weinstein again until 2008, when she was 41 and temporarily living at the Four Seasons with her husband and children. She ran into Weinstein in the lobby during that year's festival.

"My blood kind of stopped," she said. "I was very angry." When Weinstein's assistant came to her room to say he wanted to meet with her, she agreed.

"I wanted to confront him," she said. "I felt like I was ready to give it to him."

Once in his room, she remembered asking, "How does it feel to be in front of the one woman who said no to you?"

Weinstein then dismissed his assistant from the room, and quickly guided her toward a door. She said before she realized it she was in a closed bathroom with Weinstein, where he was blocking her way out.

She said Weinstein grabbed her breasts and masturbated in front of her before letting her leave the room.

The woman said she didn't tell anyone about the second assault for years because of the "sheer embarrassment" of having it

happen again.

"I was in shock," she said. "So embarrassed, just so embarrassed."

She remained composed and unrattled through her testimony, but began crying when asked what effect the two assaults had on her, replying "there are so many layers to that."

The first, she said, drove her from acting.

"I never wanted to go through anything like that again," she said.

The second had major personal effects.

"It hurt my marriage because I didn't tell him," she said. "It's been really hard." Her testimony appears to be the first time she has told her story in a public setting.

Like similar witnesses in this and other trials, she at first told her story quickly and in plain language, but was asked to double back and provide more graphic, and more difficult, details.

Weinstein's attorneys were set to cross-examine her on Tuesday afternoon.

The Associated Press does not typically name people who say they have been sexually abused. □

Auburn fires coach Bryan Harsin, who won 9 of 21 games

By John Zenor
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(AP) — Auburn fired coach Bryan Harsin on Monday after less than two seasons, ending a rocky tenure in which the proud program struggled to compete in the Southeastern Conference.

Harsin went 9-12 overall and 3-5 this year. Auburn has lost four straight games while struggling against Power Five opponents, including a 41-27 loss to Arkansas on Oct. 29 that proved the final straw. Auburn will owe Harsin 70% of his remaining contract — more than \$15 million — and half of that must be paid within 30 days.

"President (Chris) Roberts made the decision after a thorough review and evaluation of all aspects of the football program," the school said in a brief statement announcing the move.

"Auburn will begin an immediate search for a coach that will return the Auburn program to a place where it is consistently competing at the highest levels and representing the winning tradition that is Auburn football," the statement said. Auburn canceled its weekly football news conference about 90 minutes before Harsin was scheduled to speak. The school named running backs coach Carnell "Cadillac" Williams as interim coach. The Tigers play at Mississippi State on Saturday. Williams is in his third season as an assistant at his alma mater, where he was the fifth overall pick in the 2005 NFL draft and earned Rookie of the Year honors at Tampa Bay.

Harsin was hired away from Boise State in December 2020 and Auburn gave him a six-year, \$31.5 million deal. He never came close to replicating his past success or making the Tigers competitive in the SEC, and he failed to keep up with rivals Georgia and Alabama on the field or on the recruiting trail.

Those results were unacceptable to a program that won a national title in



Kes Harsin, left, talks with her husband Auburn head coach Bryan Harsin as he walks off the field after an NCAA college football game against Arkansas, Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022, in Auburn, Ala.

(AP Photo/Butch Dill)

2010 and played for another in 2013, when it won the most recent of its eight SEC championships.

Auburn has lost three straight bowl games, including the Birmingham Bowl against Houston under Harsin. That was Auburn's fifth straight loss and the Tigers dropped to 6-7, their first losing season since 2012.

The 45-year-old Harsin becomes the first Auburn coach to end his tenure with a losing record since Earl Brown went 3-22-4 from 1948-50, not counting interim coaches. He went 3-10 after winning six of his first eight games and won four times in 15 games against Power Five opponents.

A new athletic director will take on the job of finding Harsin's replacement. The Associated Press reported on Saturday that Auburn was finalizing a deal with Mississippi State AD John Cohen, and that school announced Monday that Cohen is leaving "effective immediately."

The Tigers struggled throughout the season, with the normally reliable

defense giving up 40-plus points three times while the offense never solved its own problems.

The heat on Harsin rose after a 41-12 loss to Penn State and didn't cool off much after that. A listless 42-10 loss to No. 1 Georgia emphasized the talent gap facing the Tigers, who subsequently fell to Mississippi and the Razorbacks.

Harsin said after the loss in Athens that he focuses on the things under his control but added that the enjoyment of coaching "never goes away."

Auburn is tied with Texas A&M for last in the SEC West at 1-4. Much of Jordan-Hare Stadium had emptied out by the fourth quarter against Arkansas.

"Obviously from the outcome of the game, nobody's going to feel what we did was good enough," Harsin said. "I think everyone is in there hurting, which we should be."

Athletic director Allen Greene, who resigned in August with five months left on his initial five-year deal, made the out-of-the-box hire of a coach with no SEC

background. Harsin had gone 69-19 in seven seasons at Boise State, his alma mater.

Harsin survived a school investigation into his program in the offseason that was initiated by then-President Jay Gogue following heavy turnover on his roster and coaching staff.

Three-year starting quarterback Bo Nix left for Oregon, where he has led the Ducks to a No. 8 ranking and 7-1 start. Defensive coordinator Derek Mason left for the same job at Oklahoma State, and Harsin fired offensive coordinator Mike Bobo.

His first choice to replace Bobo, Austin Davis, accepted the job and then changed his mind, citing personal reasons. Auburn wound up standing by Harsin — at the time.

With all that as a backdrop, Harsin struggled to bring in top recruits. His 2023 class was ranked ahead of only Missouri and Vanderbilt in the SEC, according to the 247Sports composite ratings. When spring opened, Harsin said he wasn't bitter. "I'm a guy that wants to

move forward, that wants to get better, that wants to keep moving," he said at the time.

One former player had said Harsin treated the team "like dogs," though others rose to Harsin's defense. The investigation ended with Gogue decrying the "wild speculation" and misinformation in the "feeding frenzy" surrounding Harsin, whose contract ran through the 2026 season. He didn't specify the nature of that speculation. Harsin's tenure ended with Auburn owing another huge payout. Like his predecessor, Gus Malzahn, the amount remains the same even if Harsin accepts another job. The school paid Malzahn, now the coach at UCF, \$21.5 million after his firing.

Malzahn was fired after going 6-4 in 2020, but he didn't have a losing record in eight seasons. Gene Chizik, who won the 2010 national title, went 3-9 two years later and was fired. One losing season — and the strong possibility of another — was all it took for Harsin to lose his job. □

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